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1. The organization of the Ministry of Foreign Trade is presented on the enclosed chart Enclosure A.
2. The Ministry of Foreign Trade is now considered to be under "top security measures", following the lead of the Ministries of National Security, National Defense, Foreign Affairs, and the State Bureau for Planning.
3. There is no Cabinet in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, which is usually composed of the Minister and the Deputy Ministers. The Cabinet in the Ministry, abolished in 1949, was made up of the so-called "inner circle" of officials close to the Minister and also various specialized secretaries. The secretaries were headed by Dr Rudolf Margolius, whose title was "Chief of the Cabinet". (He later became Fourth Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade.) At present, there are no cabinets in any of the ministries.
4. The Ministry receives the foreign trade plan from the State Planning Bureau and decides how this plan will be carried out. The general directions to be followed are issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party to the Communist Party organization in the Ministry of Foreign Trade. All appointments and transfers among the employees must be

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Approved by the Cadre Section of the Ministry and by the Cadre Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Only the Ministers and general managers of the nationalized industries are under the direct control and supervision of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Other governmental and industrial organizations are controlled by the regional or district committees of the Communist Party.

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5. The Ministry has a special security desk headed by Dr Frantisek Cada. [REDACTED] The majority of papers are classified "confidential" and many others as "secret". Foreign newspapers are permitted to be read by employees of the respective country desks, but not by the employees of any other desk. These newspapers are considered confidential and are locked in safes after working hours.
6. The Chief of the Cadre Department is one of the most important officials in the Ministry of Foreign Trade. He is in direct contact with the Ministry of National Security and with the Cadre Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. His department is responsible for all personnel, collects detailed information about each person in the Ministry, and has the responsibility for sending Ministry employees abroad. The information which is constantly collected on each employee is filed in triplicate: one copy remains in the confidential files of the Cadre Department of the Ministry of Foreign Trade; a second copy is sent to the Central Secretariat of the Communist Party; and the third copy is sent to the Ministry of National Security. This information follows the individual throughout his period of employment.
7. There is a dual control within the Foreign Trade Ministry: a) the expert control of superiors exercised through normal channels, and b) the control of the Communist Party organization within the Ministry.
8. The organization of the Communist Party at the Ministry falls within the jurisdiction of the district Secretariat of the Communist Party, located at 3 Na Florenci in Prague; however, as an organization of a central government office, it is supervised directly by the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. A special member of the Secretariat which deals with the affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Trade is Lubomir Sochor. He is in constant and direct contact with Tamchyna [see paragraph 97], but even more so with the Minister and other leading personalities in the Ministry. His supervisory functions are not concerned with organizational details pertaining to the Communist Party in the Ministry, but only with the shaping of foreign trade policies. The Communist Party organization in other ministries in Czechoslovakia is of the same pattern as in the Ministry of Foreign Trade.
9. Communist Party officials often occupy unimportant positions in the Ministry but are obliged to carry out Party functions in addition to their normal official duties. The Communist Party organization in the Ministry of Foreign Trade consists of five Section Organizations. The Section Organization in turn consists of six or more "ten-teams". Each Section Organization has a chairman, a leader of the "ten-teams" a "culture-propaganda agitator", and two other members. Party dues are paid by the members to the Section Organization.

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August 1951, there were about 630-650 employees at the Ministry. From the entire state foreign trade organization, 4600 had to leave for industry; this included the monopoly companies working in foreign trade. The entire employment in foreign trade prior to the purges was 12 thousand. From now on, employees in foreign trade organizations may be recruited only among "workers' cadres", now being trained at the Workers School for Foreign Trade in Opava, Northern Moravia.

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Enclosure (A): Organization Chart, Ministry of Foreign Trade,  
August 1951  
(B): Communist Party Organization within Ministry of  
Foreign Trade, August 1951

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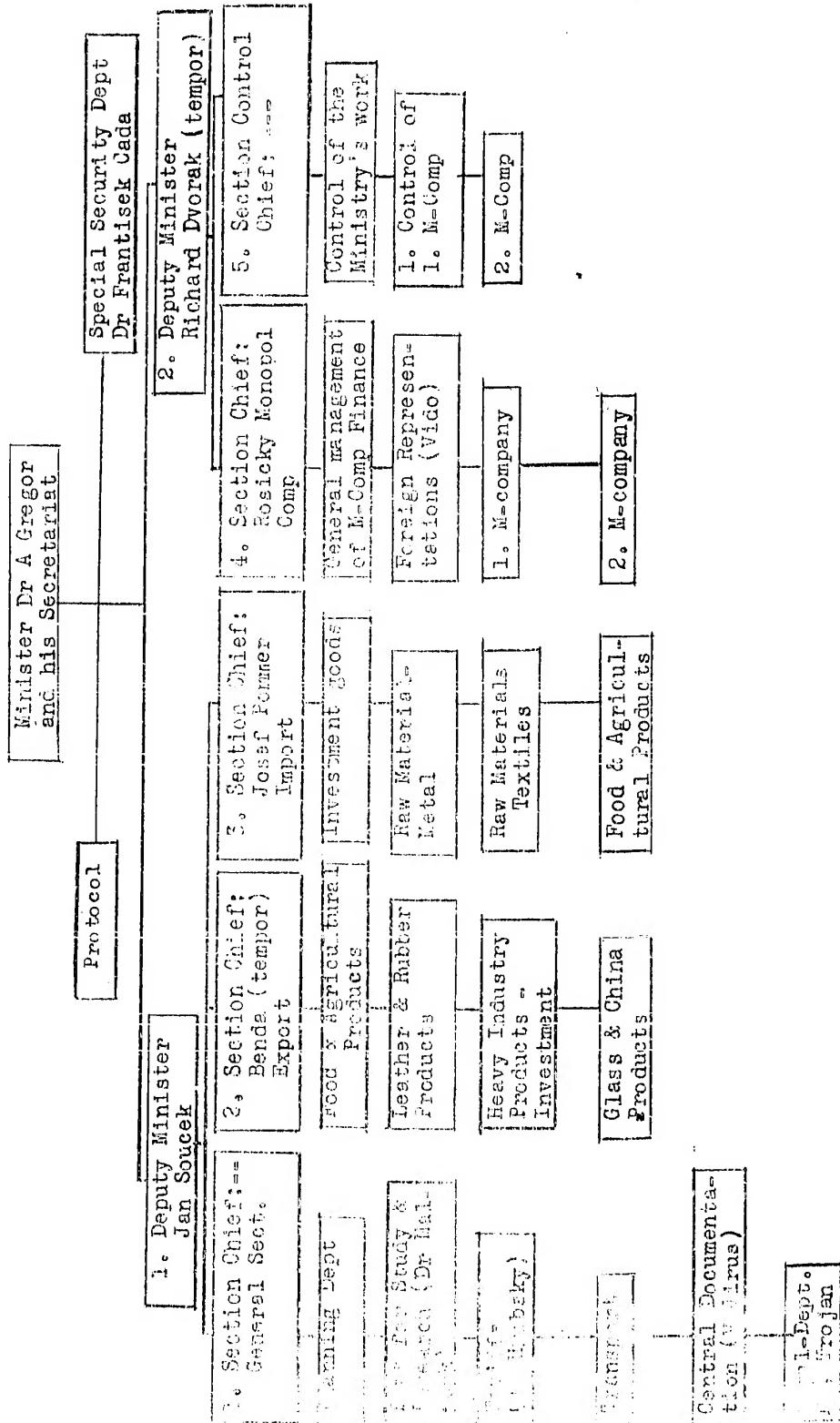
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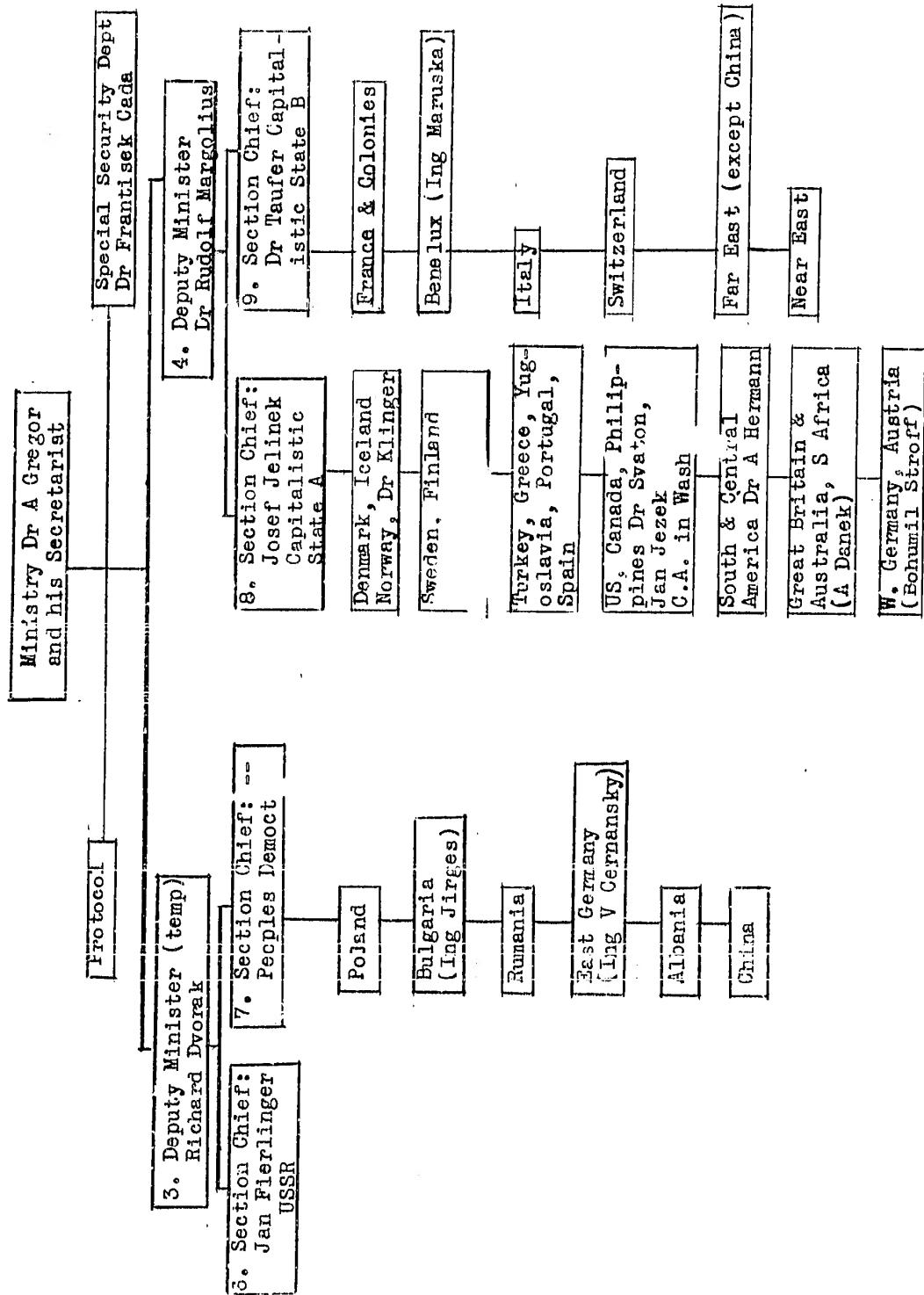
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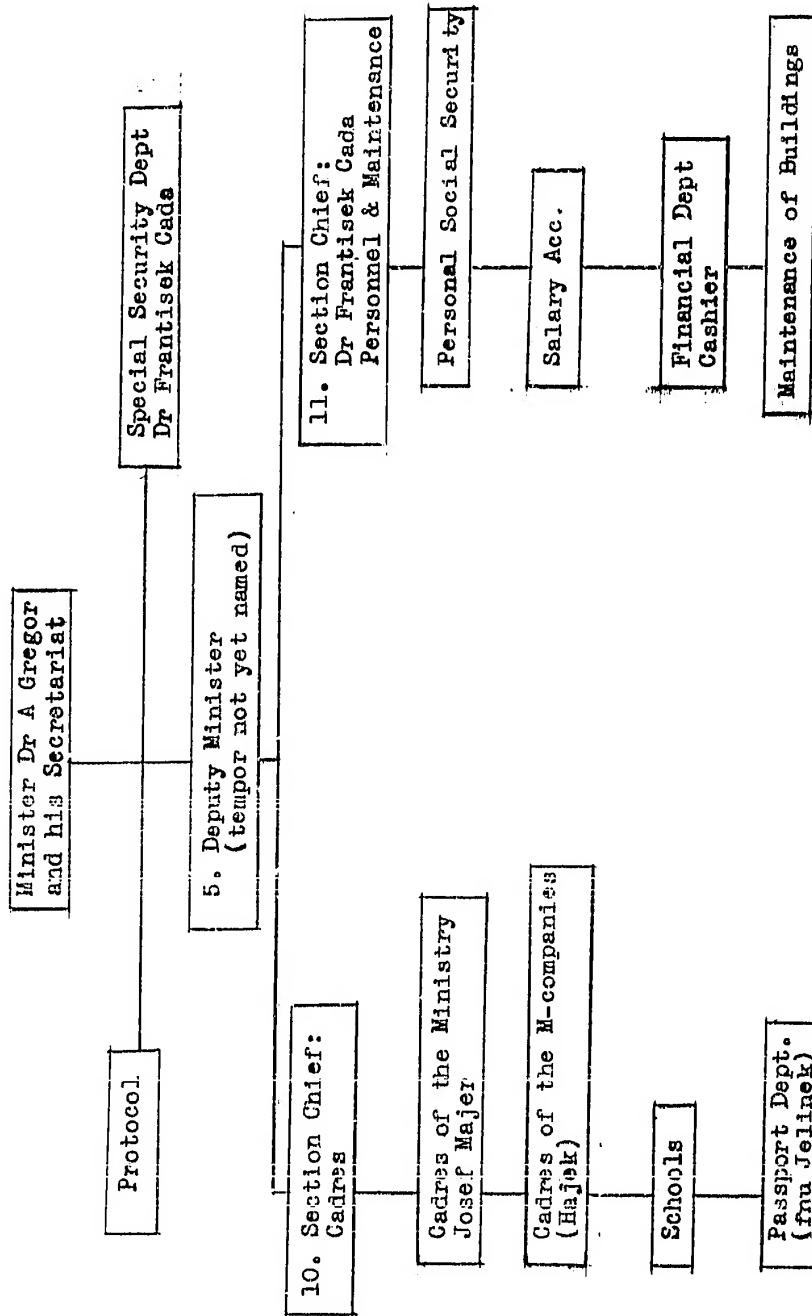
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Central Committee of CP  
(Direct connection only in  
special cases.)

District Committee of CP Prague 3

All-Ministry CP Committee  
Chairman: Ramchyna  
Members: Jiri Stribrny,  
Josef Pommel, V Poste,  
M Maruska & others; meets  
weekly; full plenary CP  
meetings each 3 m

1. Sectional CP Org  
Committee: Chair-  
man & 4-6 members

2. Each sect. org  
has 6-10 "Ten-  
Units"

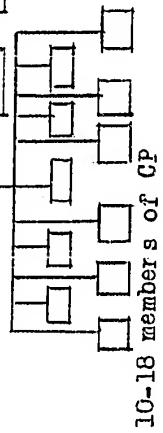
3. Leader of the  
"Ten-Units" is  
also Deputy to  
the Chairman

4. Each "Ten-Unit"  
has 10-18 members

5. Each Unit meets  
bi-weekly

4. Chairman: Maruska  
Committee Members:  
R Pallova, G Svaton,  
Uber, F Adamek,  
J Jephnek

5. Each committee meets  
weekly; plenary meet-  
monthly



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